

May 6, 2003

Legal Notice

Notice of Application for Revision to Operating Permit 00150 (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-342).

Noranda Minerals Corporation (Noranda) filed an application on March 10, 2003 for a minor revision to Operating Permit 00150 from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena and the USDA Kootenai National Forest, in Libby, MT. Noranda proposes to abandon the Montanore Project south of Libby, MT. Noranda has prepared a revised reclamation and closure plan because the mine was never completed and was not brought into operation.

Noranda believes the revised reclamation plan addresses all of the remaining closure issues not included in the interim reclamation program completed in 1996. As the mine was not developed and because most of the reclamation has already been completed, Noranda views this submittal as a minor revision to the Operating Permit. The focus of the revised plan is on the Libby Adit site where Noranda constructed an exploration adit from 1989 to 1991. The remaining reclamation at the Libby Adit is on private land.

The Montanore Project is on private and Kootenai National Forest land 18 miles south of Libby, MT in Sanders County. The project is in the Cabinet Mountains. The ore body is located beneath the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness Area. All disturbances are outside the wilderness boundary. The mine is located in portions of sections 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 26, and 35 in Township 28 North, Range 31 West and sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 14 and 15 in Township 27 North and Range 31 West.

The agencies will review the plan and prepare a draft environmental assessment (Draft EA) on the revised reclamation plan. The Draft EA will be sent to the Noranda mailing list when completed.

Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at the DEQ office at 1520 E. 6th Ave., in Helena, MT or at the Kootenai National Forest Supervisor's Office in Libby at 1101 US Hwy 2 West. Please submit questions or comments on the proposal by June 15, 2003. For information on the project and to submit comments, contact:

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